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LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether areas of Thekama Bazaar of district Azamgarh of Uttar Pradesh and surrounding villages were disconnected from the entire country and the world due to damage of OFC cable during road construction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the losses to the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited as a result thereof;

(d) whether the BTS Tower of Thekama Bazaar is frequently found out of work or is low powered due to which the people are facing signal problems in mobile telephones; and

(e) if so, the action taken to restore the telecom service in the said areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There were a number of cases of damage of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) due to road construction works in Thekama Bazar area of Azamgarh District. The details for the month of November, 2005 are given below:-

OFC damage date & time of fault	Restoration date & time	Hours of interruption/duration
7.11.05 :20.00 hrs	8.11.05 :17.00 hrs	21.00 hrs
8.11.05: 19.00 hrs	9.11.05 : 15.00 hrs	20.00 hrs
11.11.05 :20.30hrs	12.11.05: 15.00 hrs	18.30 hrs
15.11.05: 21.00hrs	16.11.05: 14.00 hrs	17.00 hrs
17.11.05:19.30hrs	18.11.05: 14.30 hrs	19.00 hrs

(c) Estimated loss on account of repairs of the cable is Rs. 2 lakh approximately which is proposed to be claimed from State PWD.

(d) & (e) No, Sir. Working and Power radiation of BTS Tower at Thekama Bazar is satisfactory. The services in the area have already been restored on 18.11.05 at 14.30 hrs.